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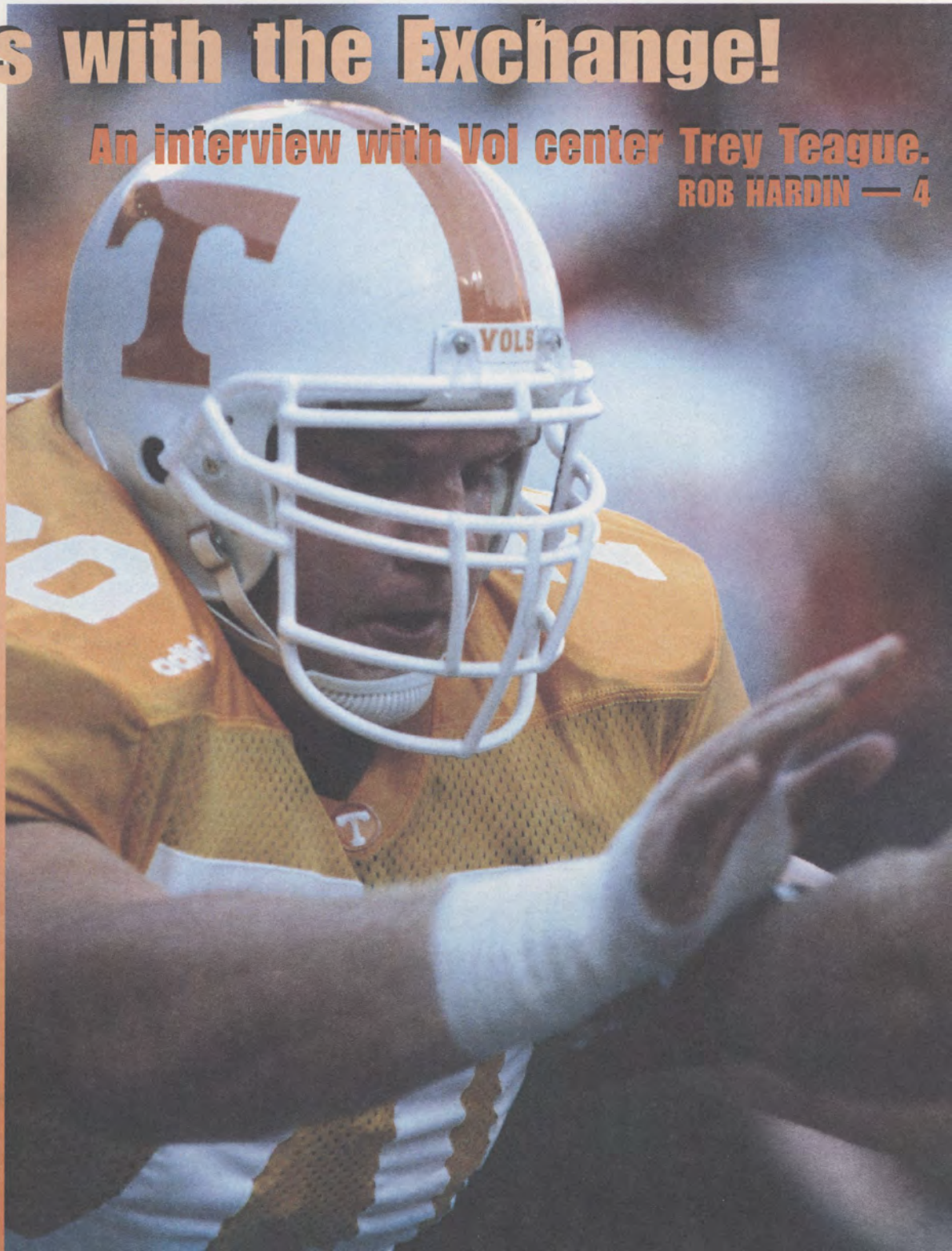

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From the Editor

Here's a little quiz on Vol football for you. There will not be a grade and we'll give you the answer momentarily.

What do Vol players Shane Begnaud, Brian Darden, Leonard Little, Craig Sanford, Maurice Fitzgerald, Bobby Graham and Jerrod Hayden have in common?

The answer, good friends, may make you feel old. Each of these young men was born on a day the Vols were competing on the gridiron back in the 1970s. We don't normally scan the birth announcements on the days of Vol games, but maybe we should. No one knew at the time how all of this would affect Big Orange fortunes years later in the 1990s. We were really too worried about the games on those specific days.

The collective Vol record on their birthdays for your information is four wins, one loss and one tie. Let's take a look back through time at how all this stacks up.

Begnaud and Little were each born Oct. 19, 1974, the day the Vols squared off against Alabama at Neyland Stadium, Begnaud taking his first breath in Lafayette, La., and Little doing likewise over in the Blue Ridge of Asheville.

The Vols lost that day by a 28-6 count, the only excitement in front of a record crowd of 74,286 coming when Stanley Morgan bowled over a Tide defender at the corner on his way to a 64-yard TD run at the north end in the second quarter. Little, for his part, had a major impact on the series 22 years and a week later, when he knocked the ball loose from Freddie Kitchens just when it looked like the Tide might tie or win the 1996 game late in the fourth quarter.

A few weeks later, on Nov. 9, the Vols defeated Memphis State at Neyland Stadium by a 34-6 count, the day Condredge Holloway became UT's career offense leader and the same day of kicker Sanford's birth in St. Augustine, Fla.

In 1975, September 13 to be exact, Tennessee defeated Maryland 26-8 in the season opener, thanks to three TDs by Morgan, one on a 70-yard punt return. It was the same day young Darden came into the world in Vicksburg, Miss.

Leonard Little, born the day of the 1974 Alabama game, helped the Vols win the 1996 game with the Tide 22 years and a week later.

On Sept. 23, 1978, Tennessee tied Oregon State, with quarterback Jimmy Streater throwing a late 44-yard TD pass to Jeff Moore against a 10-man OSU defense to gain the deadlock. The missing player was the OSU safety who should have had Moore in his sights. That, also, was the day of Fitzgerald's birth in Nashville.

The Vols closed out the 1978 season with a 41-15 win over Vanderbilt on Dec. 2, winning the second half 27-0 after leading 14-7 at the break. It was also the date of the birth of Vol wideout Graham in Statesville, N.C.

Finally, Tennessee knocked off Auburn in 1979, thanks in no large part to Gary Moore's 98-yard return of the opening kickoff for a touchdown on Sept. 29, also the day rookie Hayden was born in Louisville, Ky.

What does all this mean? No one can really say, but it does give new meaning to the phrase "born to be a Vol." Just thought you'd like to know.

— Tom Mattingly

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A Look At The Vols...
It Starts with the Exchange!

Every offensive play starts with the ball in his hands as he is the point guard for the Volunteer football team. It is his responsibility to start the play and put people in position to make the most out of the play.

He stands 6-6, which is along the lines of basketball point guards, but his 287-pound frame puts him on the Vol offensive line. His sure hands and experience put him at center, and he is the trigger man of the Vols' offensive attack.

"I like to make the comparison to a point guard in basketball," offensive line coach Mark Bradley said. "He has to make sure he doesn't turn the ball over, he has to initiate the action, and he has to put the other four guys in the best possible position to increase their chances of success. The center has to do the same thing."

Teague has been doing just that. Through three games, the Vols are averaging 457 yards of offense a game, and quarterback Peyton Manning has completed 83 of 138 passes for 1004 yards and 10 TDs.

The first thing that determines the success of every offensive play is the responsibility of Teague and Manning. Without a successful snap nothing positive can happen. Teague and Manning have worked to make sure this part of the Vol offense is in proper working condition.

"We had some problems with it early in the spring and early in two-a-day practices, and they kind of took it upon themselves to get it worked out," Bradley said. "We have not had a problem in a game and are thankful for that. We are going to try to keep that going.

"That is something that you can never take for granted. Any time you have a bad snap, even if you get the ball back, it is a wasted opportunity. If you are going to have 80 snaps in a game, now you are only going to have 79. You never know what would have happened on that play if you had executed the snap properly."

Teague's experience at center has been limited though. He started the first eight games last season at left tackle and then made the move to center for the final four games of the season including the Vols' 48-28 Citrus Bowl win over Big Ten co-champion Northwestern. The Vols rolled up 523 yards of offense, including 408 through the air. The Vol offense was quite productive in the final four games as it scored 173 points and rolled up 1822 yards of offense.

Teague has adjusted well to the move and has no problem with starting the Vols' offensive attack.

"My move to center was a long time ago," he said. "It took a little time to get adjusted to playing center rather than tackle, but I think it will help me in the long run. It has helped the team. It is different playing with the ball in your hands and having to make the calls at the line."

Bradley believes Teague's move to center was pivotal.

"It was a key move to give us the chance to be as good as we can be," Bradley said. "That move unlocked some other options for us. That is such an important position, because only two people

Teague battles in the trenches in last year's game at South Carolina. Photo by RTN.

touch the ball every play and one of them is the center, so you better have a good player there. He does a very good job. He makes all the blocking calls and makes the other people secure."

Part of his job is to make the other linemen secure and be a leader on the front five. He was selected as alternate captain before the season, and it is a role he readily accepts.

"Seniors on the team are supposed to be leaders," Teague said. "I am glad the players thought I should be a captain on this team. I do what I can to help everybody else. We have strong leadership on this team. We have a bunch of guys who know what it takes to win."

Having the ball in his hands every play has its advantages and disadvantages.

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>
> ***— TREY TEAGUE***

"It gives me some control of the game because nothing happens until I snap the ball, especially in the shotgun," Teague said. "I snap the ball when I am ready when we are in it. The rest of the time the quarterback calls for the ball when he is ready."

The man who is receiving Teague's snap is also an advantage for him and the rest of the Big Orange. Manning is the man who takes those snaps and runs the Volunteer offense. He either holds or is tied for every passing record at Tennessee, and having someone of that caliber receiving his snaps gives the team confidence.

"It makes you confident because somebody has the ball that can put us in good situations because of his knowledge of the game," Teague said. "He is like another coach out there."

The native of Jackson did not have aspirations of donning the Orange and White while at Jackson University School. He did however make a name for himself. He was named to SuperPrep and BlueChip All-America teams. He was a two-time All-State selection and honorable mention All-America by USA Today. These honors were due to his prowess on the defensive side of the ball where he recorded 71 tackles including 18 for losses his senior season.

His first season at UT was as a defensive right tackle, but then he made the move to offense.

"Playing defense may have helped a little bit because you know what those guys are thinking," he said. "A lot of us have played defense at one time. Once you get out there, football is football. It can help because you kind of know what their thinking is. It definitely does not hurt."

But Teague eventually chose Tennessee to continue his college career.

"It was not a deal when I was a little kid that I wanted to play for the Big Orange," he said. "I made up my mind when I was in high school that I wanted to play here. It has been great and I would not have wanted to go any where else. The reason you come to Tennessee is because you know you are going to have good players around you. You get to play with good players and that helps you become a good player.

"It does not seem like very long ago that this was my first time out here. I am trying to enjoy this season. It is my last season in Neyland Stadium and I just want to have fun with it."

Playing in the friendly confines of Neyland Stadium has been a great experience for Teague.

"It is something you have to experience," he said. "It is always great, but the first few times it kind of takes your breath away and it is hard to concentrate. After a while, you get used to it."

The Vols have piled up impressive offensive numbers during Teague's tenure in Big Orange Country and wins as well, and that is the only statistic that counts for an offensive linemen.

"There is only one meaningful number to a lineman and that is whether we win or lose," Bradley said. "The rest of that stuff is for somebody else. Running backs score touchdowns, receivers make catches and score touchdowns. Offensive linemen only have one ultimate reward and that is a win."

The Vols have done their share of winning during Teague's time as a Vol and he looks forward to leading the Vols to even more success down the stretch run of the 1997 season.

— Rob Hardin

Vols Win on Return Home

Freshman Jamal Lewis rushed for 155 yards on 22 carries to lead the Vols past Ole Miss. Game photos courtesy of The Knoxville News-Sentinel.

(See Fulmer File, p. 8)

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 4, 1997 — Tennessee scored quickly and enough to take a 31-17 win over Mississippi in the first home game at the always-beautiful Neyland Stadium in eons, or at least since the Texas Tech game August 30. The Vols put points on the board in lighting-like fashion with two TD drives in under a minute and an interception return for a score. You know by heart the game maxim of scoring when a break comes your way. The Vols did just that today.

Historically, the game will likley be remembered as the coming-out party for Vol freshman tailback Jamal Lewis, who ran for 155 yards on 22 carries and scored the game clincher on a 42-yard run at the 2:30 mark of the fourth quarter that finally gave the Vols some much-needed breathing room. Lewis' performance was the third best by a Vol true freshman, behind only James Stewart (215 against Mississippi in 1991) and Aaron Hayden (169 against Memphis State likewise in 1991). It was the highest total by a true frosh in his first start since Stewart had 141 against Auburn in 1991.

"I felt I played well," Lewis said. "I practiced hard all week and it showed on the field. I tried to play as hard I could. I got a feel for the defense and the running game. The line opened it up for me and everybody is pleased with the win."

The Vols trailed 3-0 when they got the ball at the 17 with 4:40 left in the first half. Lewis took a swing pass from Peyton Manning for 18, part of Manning's 324 yards on 25 of 44 passing on the day. It was the fourth time this season in as many games that Manning has cracked the 300-yard mark.

On the drive, Manning hit Peerless Price for 17 yards, Jeremaine Copeland for nine, and Marcus Nash for five and for 20, the latter a scoring toss with 1:13 left in the half.

> ***"My read was on the receiver and I saw him run an out. I just stepped in front of him and saw nothing but green. Terry Fair helped me out a lot this week. I knew I was going to play a lot and he gave me a lot of confidence to go out and make the plays."***
>
> ***— Defensive back Dwayne Goodrich***

"We got it real close a couple of times," Manning said, "but mistakes hurt us. We were fortunate to get the win. We never got in sync offensively. Their corners did a good job and nothing came easy. We have a lot of work to do."

The Vols struck quickly at the start of the third quarter as Fred White knocked the ball loose on the opening kickoff and Gerald Griffin returned the bobble to the Rebel 24. Manning then hit Andy McCullough for 24 yards and Tennessee's second score. It was 14-3 with 14:47 left in the third. The Vols wasted no time in scoring again. Bill Duff sacked Rebel quarterback Stewart Patridge for -7 and Dwayne Goodrich grabbed a Patridge toss and found clear sailing down the right side for another score. It was 21-3 with 13:03 left and the Vols had put up 21 points in less than five minutes.

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nothing but green. Terry Fair helped me out a lot this week. I knew I was going to play a lot and he gave me a lot of confidence to go out and make the plays."

It was 21-9 at the third quarter break but none of the crowd of 106,299, fifth-best in Vol history, could really get comfy, even when Jeff Hall knocked home a 21-yard field goal with 7:16 left to make the score 24-9. The Rebels closed it to 24-17 and hearts again grew faint across the big stadium, but Manning and the Vol offense had the requisite response.

From the Vol 20, Manning found Shawn Bryson in the right flat and Bryson turned the innocent-looking toss into a 37-yard gain down the right sideline. Two plays later, Lewis hit the center of the line and found the express lane for a 42-yard scoring run. It was a dazzling run, the type Vol fans look forward to seeing in the weeks and years ahead. School was out at 31-17.

"We wanted to put the game away," Manning said. "Bryson did a good job running with the ball after the catch and Jamal took care of the rest."

The Vols racked up 183 yards rushing, but the significant stat was that there were no sacks and no lost yardage rushing. Jarvis Reado, Spencer Riley, Mercedes Hamilton, Trey Teague, Cosey Coleman, Eric Diogu and friends got the job done up front.

"The line graded well in this game," Coleman said. "We worked hard in practice and Jamal stepped up and showed what he could do. We were motivated to prove we could run the ball and protect Peyton in the pocket."

Defensively, the Vols got after the Rebels with the intensity of Yangtze River pirates, or at least the Oakland Raiders, racking up four sacks (-24) and six lost-yardage tackles (-20) and getting close on several other occasions. Bill Duff (-7), Shawn Ellis (-8) and Jonathan Brown (-8) had sacks, with a "team sack" (-1) thrown in for good measure. Leonard Little had three lost yardage tackles for his afternoon's work and the ever-inspirational and Al Wilson and Corey Gaines had eight tackles each, with Wilson (-5), Ellis (-3), and Raynoch Thompson (-5) adding lost-yardage tackles. Brown added a fumble recovery and Gaines, Steve Johnson and Dwayne Goodrich caused fumbles. Wilson was Madison County on the spot as he stuffed a reverse, knifed through blockers to stop a screen pass and sniffed out a fake field goal.

GAME NOTES: Manning is now fifth all-time in the SEC in career passing with 8680 yards and in completions with 683... Nash is now second on the UT receiving charts with 132 receptions and sixth in career yardage with 1727... Lewis is the first Vol running back to rush for over 100 yards since Jay Graham did so in the 1996 win over Alabama... Goodrich now has nine career turnovers in 15 games, five fumble recoveries and four interceptions. He now has two career scores, one fumble recovery (Arkansas 1996) and this year's interception... Tennessee has now won seven straight against Western Division opponents... Chris Hogue averaged 44.8 yards per kick... Little is now one of 12 semifinalists for the Lombardi Award to be announced Dec. 10 in Houston... Copeland has been added to the Biletnikoff Watch List for the nation's best receiver.

Shawn Ellis (left) had a sack and tackle for loss and Shawn Bryson (right) had a key reception to set up the Vols' final score.

WEEKEND NOTES: The Lady Vol volleyball team lost at Auburn this weekend, losing 6-15, 3-15, 7-15. It was their first SEC loss... The Lady Vol soccer team lost at Arizona 2-0. They are now 5-5 on the season... National champs Jeremy Linn (100- and 200-yard breaststroke), Aaron Ausmus (indoor shot put) and the Lady Vol basketball team were recognized at halftime... At the Clemson Fall Classic, the Vol tennis team had a simulated dual match format with Indiana. Tennessee's Roger Ilias lost to Derrick Pope 6-1, 6-1, Juan Gamboa dropped his match against Scott Lippitt 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, John Fritts lost to George McGill 6-4, 6-3, Matt Jacobs lost to Gabe Montilla 6-1, 6-1, Mark Parsons defeated Andrew Held 6-1, 6-0 and Chris Buckley lost to Paul Jacobson 6-1 6-4.

Tennessee Statistics vs. Mississippi

Team Statistics	UT	Ole Miss
First Downs	24	20
By Rushing	8	7
By Passing	16	11
By Penalty	0	2
Rushing attempts	30	37
Yards gained	183	195
Yards lost	0	48
Net yards rushing	183	147
Net yards passing	324	241
Passes attempted	44	36
Passes completed	25	23
Had intercepted	1	1
Total plays	74	73
Total net yards	507	388
Average gain	6.85	5.16
Fumbles-lost	1-1	5-2
Penalties-yds.	10-90	1-10
Punts-avg.	4-44.8	5-40.0
Punt returns-yds.	2-16	2-7
Kickoff returns-yds.	1-15	4-60
Int. returns-yds.	1-30	1-0
Fumble returns-yds.	1-6	1-0
Possession	28:11	31:49
Third down conversions	6-16	4-14
Fourth down conversions	2-2	1-2
Sacks by-yards	4-24	0-0

OLE MISS	0	3	6	8 — 17
TENNESSEE	0	7	14	10 — 31

2-UM: Lindsey, FG 42.
Drive: 73 yards, 14 plays, 6:06 possession, 9:27 on clock.
2-UT: Nash, pass from Manning 20. Hall kick.
Drive: 83 yards, 11 plays, 3:07 possession, 1:13 on clock.
3-UT: McCullough, pass from Manning 24. Hall kick.
Drive: 24 yards, 1 play, :19 possession, 14:41 on clock.
3-UT: Goodrich, interception return 30. Hall kick.
Drive: 13:03 on clock.
3-UM: Avery, run 74. Kick failed.
Drive: 74 yards, 1 play, :22 possession, 12:41 on clock.
4-UT: Hall, FG 21.
Drive: 69 yards, 10 plays, 3:56 possession, 7:16 on clock.
4-UM: McAllister, run 1. Peterson, pass from Patridge.
Drive: 80 yards, 8 plays, 4:15 possession, 3:01 on clock.
4-UT: Lewis, run 42. Hall kick.
Drive: 80 yards, 3 plays, :31 possession, 2:30 on clock.

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Lewis	22	155	0	155	1	42
T. Graham	1	11	0	11	0	11
Darden	2	7	0	7	0	6
Manning	2	6	0	6	0	5
Crosby	1	4	0	4	0	4
Bryson	2	0	0	0	0	0

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Manning	44	25	1	324	2	45

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Nash	9	127	1	45
Copeland	5	41	0	15
Price	3	48	0	27
Bryson	2	45	0	37
Lewis	2	34	0	18
McCullough	2	27	1	27
C. Wilson	1	6	0	6
Levine	1	-4	0	-4

Punting	No.	Yards.	Avg.	Long
Hogue	4	179	44.8	50

Field Goals	Att.	Made	Long
Hall	3	1	21

All Returns	Punts No.Yds.LP	Kickoffs No.YdsLP	Int. No.Yds.LP
Copeland	2 16 12		
Goodrich		1 15 15	1 30 30

Fulmer File...

1997 Mississippi Game

Just in the nick of time, Jamal Lewis came through against Ole Miss to establish a semblance of the running game we had been seeking since the start of the season.

It's still not where we need to be, but Jamal's 155-yard effort in a tight game with the Rebels convinced me we are making progress. In the days leading to our meeting with Georgia on Oct. 11, we will concentrate on getting our blockers to give Lewis more room to maneuver.

Jamal made it clear what he can do with just a little daylight.

"It's a cliche in football that the first five minutes of the second half are pivotal, but it was never better demonstrated than in the way we performed to start the third period against Ole Miss. By no means was the game over when we scored twice in the first 2:29, but our quick touchdowns left Ole Miss facing an uphill climb the rest of the afternoon."

— Phillip Fulmer

The history of the Tennessee-Ole Miss series shows that many games, regardless of records and rankings, have developed into old-fashioned dogfights. Saturday's game, before 106,229 fans at Neyland Stadium, was no exception.

Our play through the first half left much to be desired. Peyton Manning hit Marcus Nash for a 20-yard touchdown just before halftime to give us a 7-3 lead going into the dressing room.

It's a cliche in football that the first five minutes of the second half are pivotal, but it was never better demonstrated than in the way we performed to start the third period against Ole Miss. By no means was the game over when we scored twice in the first 2:29, but our quick touchdowns left Ole Miss facing an uphill climb the rest of the afternoon.

We had told the defense at halftime they had played reasonably well the first two quarters. In the second half, though, we wanted some big plays, the kind that turn a game around. Good players make good plays, we told them.

So, just like that, Fred White knocked the ball loose from the Ole Miss kickoff return man, and Gerald Griffin recovered. Manning found Andy McCullough for a touchdown on the first play after the turnover. On Ole Miss' next possession, Dwayne Goodrich nabbed an interception and set sail for the end zone.

That was a nifty way to start the second half, but the Rebels wouldn't be discouraged. They fought us every step of the way. Coach Tommy Tuberville had a good game plan coming in, and they stayed with it. Defensively, Ole Miss did an excellent job of holding us down, particularly in the first half.

I was proud of the way our offense kept up its scoring tempo in the second half, and I thought our defense stepped up to meet the Rebel challenge better in the final two quarters.

Overall, I was proud to have this win and to see our football team have a winning effort after two weeks of tough practices. As you can imagine, nothing pleased our team and coaching staff more than the fact our prayers were answered in that Billy Ratliff is recovering from his practice field injury. Everything else paled into insignificance Monday, until we received word that Billy was going to make it.

Five weeks without a home game is an eternity. It seems like we had been gone forever. We told the players we wanted them to show what the Orange jersey meant. Our fans seemed as happy to see us as we were to see them.

We have work to be done before the Georgia game, but nothing with a higher priority than eliminating the senseless string of penalties that helped make the Ole Miss game so suspenseful.

A tremendous task awaits us against the Bulldogs, a team with exceptional talent and a great desire to get after the Vols. We need the strongest support yet from our fans at Neyland Stadium.

— Phillip Fulmer

GOOD NEWS NOTE: Tennessee players Marcus Nash, Jeff Coleman, Tee Martin, Eric Parker, Darwin Walker, Cosey Coleman, Bobby Graham, Deon Grant, Jerrod Hayden, Jamal Lewis, Andre Lott, Travis Stephens, Fred Weary and Cedrick Wilson are part of a pal-to-pal letter-writing campaign with 11- and 12-year olds through the Metropolitan Police Department of Nashville and Davidson County.

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Tennessee Tradition...

Ben Byrd on the Vols... A Look at the Georgia Bulldogs

Tennessee's upcoming opponent, the University of Georgia, will bring not only a strong current team but a distinguished football history to Neyland Stadium for the Oct. 11 Southeastern Conference battle.

Legendary coaches, two Heisman Trophy winners and a national championship team have highlighted a 105-year saga of Bulldog football. Georgia can also lay claim to a share of the oldest continuous gridiron rivalry in the South. The Bulldogs first met Auburn at a neutral field in Atlanta in their maiden season, 1892, and the series has been unbroken down through the years, except for the times when football seasons were canceled as college men marched off to war.

In September of 1895, a young graduate of Cornell arrived in Athens and signed a contract to coach the Georgia team for $34 a week. His name was Glen Warner, but generations of football fans knew him as "Pop Warner." He stayed only two years at Georgia, but his great talents were obvious. After a 3-4 season in 1895, he led the Red and Black to the school's first unbeaten season, 4-0, in `96. This was the man who invented the single wing and the double wing offenses and later coached such superstars as Jim Thorpe and Ernie Nevers.

George (Kid) Woodruff carved out a special niche for himself in Georgia grid history. One of the Bulldogs' greatest players, he graduated in 1911 and launched a highly successful business career. In 1923, with the school's grid fortunes having gone sour, he agreed to take the head coaching assignment, but would accept only one dollar per year as salary. He stayed on for five years, during which time the revitalized Bulldogs posted a 32-16-1 record.

Woodruff also impacted college football with his choice of assistants. During his stay, he brought in three young aides who had played under Knute Rockne at Notre Dame. One of them, Harry Mehre, succeeded him as Georgia head coach. Another, Frank Thomas, went to Alabama as head coach and guided the Crimson Tide to great things in the 1930s. And the third, Jim Crowley, one of the famed "Four Horseman," later coached Fordham to Eastern supremacy.

Wally Butts, a master of the passing game, came to Georgia in 1939 and rang up a remarkable 22-season record of 140-86-9, that included four SEC titles and a 9-0 victory over UCLA in the 1943 Rose Bowl. That season of 1942 produced Georgia's first Heisman Trophy winner, Frank Sinkwich.

The Bulldogs' most recent coaching legend is Vince Dooley, now the athletic director. Dooley came to Athens off Shug Jordan's Auburn staff in 1964 and took Georgia to a new level. He was about 180 degrees around the philosophical compass from the air-minded Butts. Dooley's forte was a ground-hugging power game, and that philosophy and some great talent helped him lead Georgia to six SEC crowns, a national championship in 1980 and a record of 201-77-10 over 25 seasons. The main stay of his national championship team was the Bulldogs' second Heisman winner, the great running back Herschel Walker.

Georgia also played a role in one of college football's greatest crises. In that season of 1905, the game had become so barbaric, that President Theodore Roosevelt seriously considered having the game outlawed. It was a letter from the mother of a Georgia player who had died as a result of injuries sustained on the field that was said to have changed Roosevelt's mind. The mother told the President that her son had loved football and would have wished that the sport go on. Roosevelt ordered the presidents and chancellors of leading football schools to clean up the game, or else. The result was a conference that outlawed the deadly "Yale Wedge" that had figured in so many of the fatal injuries, the legalization of the forward pass, and other major steps toward safe play.

This writer has often wondered why Tennessee and Georgia, so close in distance to each other, did not become annual rivals. No one seemed to have the answer, although I suppose the presence of other arch foes (Auburn, Georgia Tech and Florida for Georgia and Vanderbilt, Kentucky and Alabama for Tennessee) had something to do with it. Anyway, the new SEC schedule has made regular rivals of them now, whether they like it or not.

Former Vol

Joey Clinkscales (1984-86)

Joey Clinkscales came to Tennessee from Austin-East High School in Knoxville. During his time as a Vol, he led the 1986 squad with 37 receptions for 511 yards, good for a 13.8 average.

He was a tri-captain of the 1986 squad which won its last five games of the season and defeated Minnesota in the Liberty Bowl, a game in which he caught two TD passes from quarterback Jeff Francis, including the game-winner. He was named Outstanding Offensive Player in that game.

He played in the 1987 Hula Bowl and was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the ninth round, playing for the Steelers in 1987 and the Tampa Bay Bucs in 1988. In his two-year career, he had 13 receptions for 240 yards, an 18.5 yard average, and one TD.

He is now in player personnel with the New York Jets, joining them prior to the 1995 season. He was a part-time scout for the Steelers from 1989-93 and was with the NFL scouting combine in 1994. He returns regularly to Knoxville each summer to participate in the McKenzie Football Camp.

Joey Clinkscales was an inviting target for Vol quarterbacks from 1984-86.

Vol Golfers Struggle at Keswick Club Cavalier Classic

The University of Tennessee men's golf team finished the Keswick Club Cavalier Classic on the weekend of Sept. 20-21 in 12th place. The young Tennessee contingent fired rounds of 299-294-311—904 at the par 71, 6307-yard Keswick Club in Charlottesville, Va. The Vols, along with Duke and Virginia Tech, had to finish their second round on Sunday due to a fog delay on Saturday that kept the threesome from finishing before dark that evening.

Host Virginia was impressive in winning championship honors. The Cavaliers fired rounds of 281-278-297—856, four-over par to beat second-place Augusta State by eight strokes. Chad Wellhausen of Mississippi State took medalist honors with a torrid 68-70-68—206, seven-under par.

Tennessee brought six members to compete at the Keswick Club, and five team members and an individual entrant competed. Four of the six members are true freshmen. Matt McWilliams, a freshman from Franklin, led the Tennesseans. McWilliams carded a 71-71-79—221 to finish tied for 29th. Kevin Law, a junior from Hixson, followed with a 74-76-72-222, in 34th-t place. Derrick Centers, a sophomore from Somerset, Ky., fired a second-round 69 to post the best round for a Vol in the tournament. Centers finished with a 77-69-83—229 to tie for 55th place. Jimmy White, a freshman from Ooltewah, carded rounds of 77-78-78—233 to place 64th-t. Andy Brimer, a freshman from Morristown, finished 73rd with rounds of 81-81-82—244. Ryo Fukami, a freshman from Alcoa, competed as an individual and posted rounds of 76-77-79—232 to tie for 61st.

The Vol linksters hosted the 10th annual Tennessee Tournament of Champions Sept. 29-30 and those results will be featured in our next issue. Holston Hills Country Club was the host site for Tennessee's only home tournament of the year. Information about this year's golf team can be found by contacting Nathan Kirkham at (423) 974-2743.

Milligan Out for Season

The University of Tennessee Lady Volunteer basketball team has lost senior point guard Laurie Milligan for the season. Doctors have recommended that Milligan forego her senior season due to a knee injury.

Holdsclaw Nominated for Honda Award

Lady Vol forward Chamique Holdsclaw has been named the recipient of the 1996-97 Honda Sports Award for basketball. She joins 10 other nominees for consideration of the Honda-Broderick Cup, awarded annually to the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year.

Vol Netters in Action

Chad Copenhaver and Mark Way of the University of Tennessee men's tennis team advanced to the main draw of the T. Rowe Price ITA Clay Court Championships in Baltimore, Md. The duo, participating in doubles action, defeated four opponents to reach the draw where the championship will be decided. Copenhaver and Way are one of 32 teams vying for the championship in the main draw. At press time, the duo was still competing and results can be found on page 7, under Weekend Notes.

Copenhaver, a redshirt-junior from Charlotte, N.C., is participating in his first collegiate tournament since last year's redshirt season due to a back injury. Way, a junior from Alstonville, Australia, was tutored by Michael Fancutt, now Vol head tennis coach, during his prep career before coming to Tennessee.

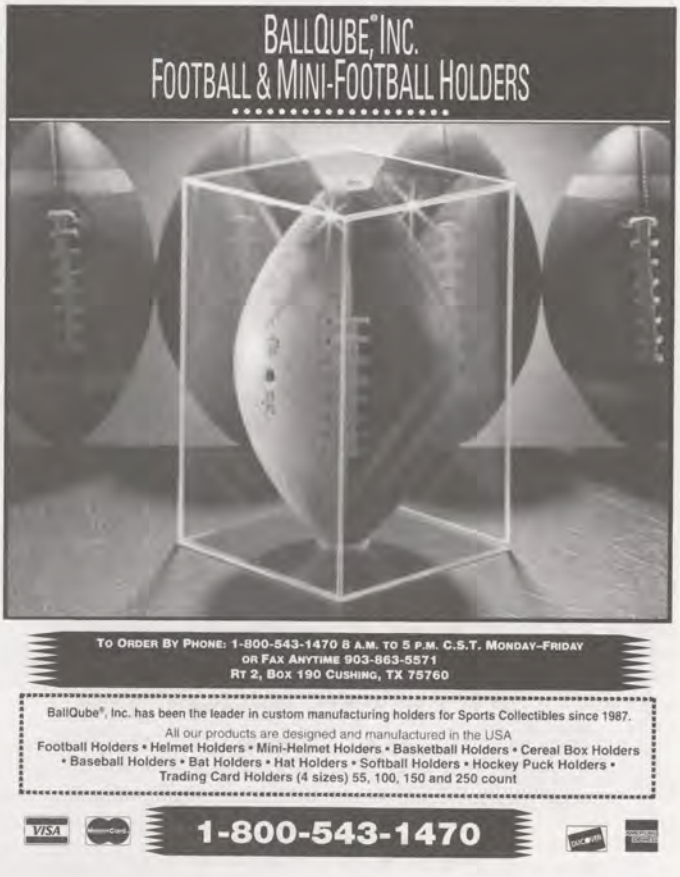
Lettermen's Reunion

On Friday, Nov. 28, the 1967 Tennessee Football team will be holding a reunion dinner at the UT Conference Center located on Henley Street in Knoxville. Players from the 1967 team are asked to contact Dick Williams for more information and details about the dinner. Williams can be reached by dialing (800) 752-8328.

All members of the football, basketball and track and field team who will need accommodations for that weekend may contact the Holiday Inn World's Fair at (423) 522-2800. Rooms are being held for members of those 1967 teams, and with a limited number of rooms available, reservations should be made as early as possible.

Also, as part of the final home game festivities, the football, basketball and track teams of 1967, which won SEC Championships, will be honored at halftime of the Tennessee vs. Vanderbilt game. It should also be noted that the Volunteers will be playing a basketball game on that Friday against Appalachian State and we would like to invite everyone to attend.

—VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE STAFF



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This Week In Big Orange Country

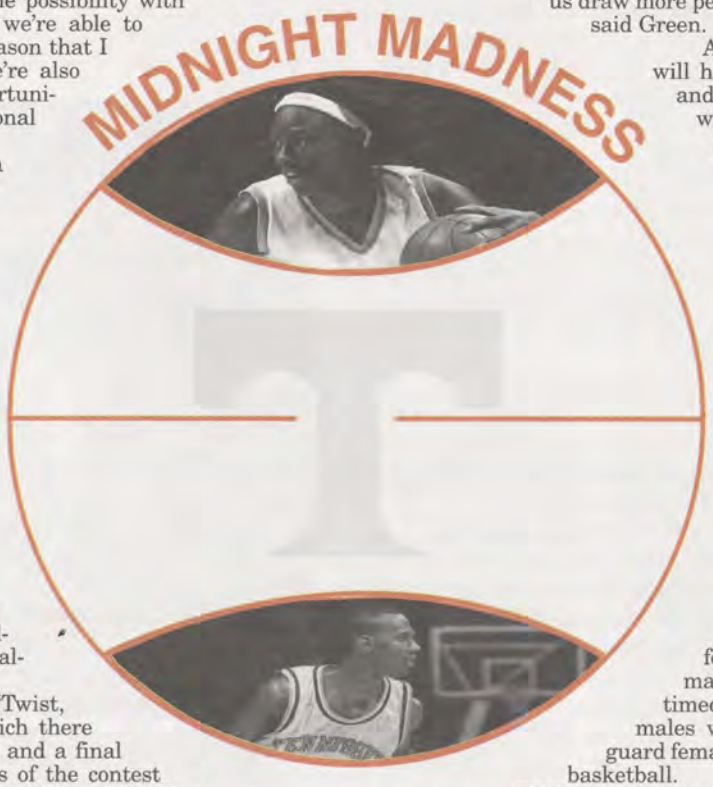
On the evening of Oct. 17, in Thompson-Boling Arena, something special will take place. A ritual, better known as Midnight Madness, comes to Knoxville. That's right basketball fans. ESPN with basketball analyst Dick Vitale will bring their show to Knoxville, in what is staged to be a very special event as the show will include both of the Tennessee basketball squads.

What an evening for the University of Tennessee as ESPN wants to showcase both the Vols and Lady Vols on national television, as Tennessee will join South Carolina and Rhode Island in the preseason program.

The evening will begin with contest for fans of any age at about 9:45 p.m. in Thompson-Boling Arena and will build its momentum leading up to the main event at 12 midnight, as the Vols and Lady Vols will take to the court. It all amounts to a special evening for both the fans and the University.

"I think it is really important for the University of Tennessee," said men's head basketball coach Jerry Green. "I know it is one of the first things we talked about when I got here. Coach Summitt obviously wanted to do it. They have not done it here in quite a while. A lot of colleges across the nation are doing it and I think that we have missed a great opportunity here in the past. I think it is going to be a lot of fun."

Like wise for heasd women's coach Pat Summitt. "We're pleased to finally be involved in a Midnight Madness with ESPN," Summitt said. "After discussing the possibility with them for several years, I'm glad we're able to include our fans in kicking off a season that I think will be an exciting one. We're also thrilled about having another opportunity to put our program in the national limelight."



The evening will begin with a rip-roaring, foot-stomping appetizer of music popping from the Arena PA system at 9:45 p.m. (EDT) as the fans enter the arena. People from the Athletic Marketing and Development Office will be on hand to distribute pre-event giveaways. Once fans have had a chance to settle into the Arena, the Tennessee Cheerleaders and Pom-Pom squads along with our own Smokey the Mascot will rev up the crowd with their action packed routines of stunts cheers and tumbling passes.

At approximately 10:30 p.m. (EST), Mike Hammond from WNOX will welcome fans to Midnight Madness, and then the fun really starts for the fans.

Coca-Cola will sponsor at "Twist, Dribble and Shoot Contest" in which there will be two rounds (a preliminary and a final round) of competition. The winners of the contest will receive a special prize courtesy of Knoxville Coca-Cola.

The next contest will feature a "Cellular One Pizza Fling" in which four Frisbees will be tossed into the stands by cheerleaders. The fans who catch the Frisbees will get to call in and order pizzas via Cellular One phones which will be presented to them by the cheerleading squad.

Contest number three on the evening will have WNOX AM/FM presenting fans an opportunity to scramble for cash in the "WNOX $9999 Money Scramble." The contest will have four contestants blindfolded at center court. The contestants will have 99 seconds to scoop up as much money as they can. What they grab is theirs to keep.

Shortly before 11p.m., the cheerleaders and Smokey will again toss T-shirts into the stands for lucky fans.The next contest will be the "WOKI Stack `Em High Contest" as there will be bed mattresses positioned on the court. Teams will try to see how high they can stack these mattresses. The winning team will receive $100 for each member. In order to have a chance to play, people must listen to WOKI for details on where and how to register for the event.

Next up will be the Vols Flag-ship station, WIVK in the "WIVK Tuition Shoot" as one contestant will have a chance to earn one semester's worth of tuition (~$2500) if they can hit a shot from half-court.

The excitement has now built the fans into a frenzy as midnight nears, and with that there will be an introduction of the men's team at approximately 11 PM for a 10 minute skit performance. The women will then follow with a 10 minute skit of their own. "It has all the capabilities of national exposure with the women's program being so outstanding and our program starting to gain some attention by the players that we have and the players that we are getting. It's going to be an advantage for us to make more friends and help us draw more people than we have in the past here," said Green.

After the introductions, Hammond will hand the microphone over to Green and Summitt. Both Green and Summitt will introduce their staff and then will have a chance to answer questions from fans in the audience. After those introductions fans will again have a chance to grab T-shirts as Smokey and the cheerleaders will again take center-stage, using a slingshot to propel the shirts into the stands.

From here it only gets better as the main event draws closer. ESPN will take to Thompson-Boling Arena for a live telecast shortly before midnight. After a short introduction and ceremony, the squads will participate in a 3-point contest as two teams consisting of two males and two females will compete for bragging rights. Immediately following that will be a coed, four-on-four scrimmage with two males and two females playing in a timed scrimmage. The rules are that males will guard males and females will guard females, other than that it is straight up basketball.

ESPN will have its own half-court shot near the end of its broadcast, and they will close out the action-packed evening with their Final Four predictions.

It will be an evening packed full of contest, events and excitement as ESPN in conjunction with sponsors WIVK/WNOX, WOKI, Knoxville Coca-Cola, Cellular One, WVLT-TV 8, adidas and Surge bringing Midnight Madness to Knoxville.

—Donnell Field

Lady Vol News & Notes...
A Look at Cross Country

Back for her second year, former Lady Vol great Brenda Webb will attempt to lead the resurgence of the cross country team back to its heyday in the late '70s when she was an All-American for the Big Orange. A seasoned squad hopes to make that goal a reality this year as they come off the heels of a strong track & field season last spring.

After a successful stint at UT-Martin, Webb guided the troops to a 24th-place finish at the NCAA District 3 Championships in her first year and looks to build upon that in her sophomore campaign.

Returning to this year's squad are team captains Maureen Ferris and Melissa Hiller. Both Ferris and Hiller bring three years of experience and leadership. Ferris moved to the top of the ranks throughout the 1996 season and is only expected to improve. She finished first on the UT runner list at both the UCLA/Georgia Tech Triangular and the Saluki Invitational. Hiller, meanwhile, spent last season battling with nagging injuries and surgery, yet she consistently placed fourth or fifth on the team.

Rounding out the list of upperclassmen are senior Dorothy Denko and junior Janelle Briggs. Denko is a newcomer to UT's cross country program, yet she is no beginner to the sport of running. Her experience under Webb for two seasons at UT-Martin and with UT's track and field program last year will make her a valuable asset to the squad. Another first-year cross country runner with a track background, Briggs was a stand-out on the 4x400m relay team. She and her quartet set the 11th-fastest time in Lady Vol history in that event at the 1997 NCAA Championships.

A strong core of second-year runners looks to again lead the Lady Vol contingent. As freshmen, the trio of Kristen Ritter, Meghan Mantlo and Mindy Watkins had an immediate impact last season, finishing as UT's top three runners at the Indiana Dual and the NCAA District 3 Championships and improved throughout the season.

Ritter captured first or second in all but one race and placed third in the other. Her best mark came at the District 3 race where she led the Lady Vols in a time of 18:32 (one of four sub-19 minute performances) to finish 63rd overall. Watkins, who was one of UT's top three finishers in all six races in 1996, posted her top showing at the 1997 SEC Championships, placing first on the team and 23rd overall. A native of Nashville, Mantlo took first on the team at Indiana and improved her time each race of the season, highlighted by posting a time of 19:15, the third-best mark on the team, at the District 3 race.

Another second year performer is Amy Bartosik, who competed in four of the six races last season. Her best results came at the Saluki Invitational, where she clocked in at 20:05.

Completing the Lady Vol pack are freshmen Katherine Green and Pam Lyons. Green was a high school cross country and track MVP, who set the mile record at Milton High School in Alpharetta, Ga. with a time of 12:00. The Region AAA 1997 Runner of the Year, Lyons won the District AAA Cross Country and City Individual Championships while competing for Kingsbury High School in Memphis.

As the season progresses, Coach Webb looks to see her team continue to grow, while climbing the conference ladder and challenging in the SEC and NCAA District 3 Championships.

—Janya Marshall

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VASF NEWS AND NOTES

NCAA Q & A

The VASF would like to begin a weekly series for the remainder of the football season issues entitled "NCAA Q & A." This series will focus on the actions and liabilities of athletic representatives of the University.

All people, be they fans, friends, alumni or donors, are considered by the NCAA to be representatives of the University of Tennessee. We all want to see the Vols and Lady Vols win, but at Tennessee it is most important to win honestly — and that means following NCAA rules governing contact with recruitment of, and treatment of student-athletes.

This series will outline some of the rules regarding your roles in Tennessee's overall athletic programs, and how the NCAA feels about certain actions. The VASF would like to stress to everyone the importance of these guidelines; it only takes one infraction to land a sport on probation or to receive sanctions.

QUESTION: Who is a "representative of the institution's athletic interests?"

ANSWER: A "representative of the institution's athletic interests" is an individual who is known (or should have been known) by a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration to: (a) have participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization promoting the institution's intercollegiate athletics program; (b) have made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution; (c) be assisting or to have been requested (by the athletic department staff) to assist in the recruitment of prospects; (d) be assisting or to have assisted in providing benefits in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes or to their families; or (e) have been involved otherwise in promoting the institution's athletics programs. Once you are identified as an athletic representative, this title is permanent.

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Road Construction News

The VASF wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of the road construction on Neyland Drive for home game-day traffic. Westbound Neyland Drive, from Lake Loudoun Boulevard to Kingston Pike, will be all lanes westbound immediately following the games.

Eastbound Neyland Drive, from Lake Loudoun Boulevard to the James White Parkway, will be all-lanes eastbound immediately following the games also. Remember that road construction is also taking place on some parts of Neyland Drive.

Baseball Orange & White Game

The fall intra-squad game is set for Friday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. at Lindsey Nelson Stadium. Seating is free. It is also the same weekend as the Vols' home match up against the Georgia Bulldogs.

Make your plans now to get a sneak peek at the BaseVols as they complete their fall drills and prepare to open the 1998 season in January.

Basketball Banquet

The 1997-98 Wendy's Tip Off Banquet will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, in Thompson-Boling Arena. The meal will be catered by Calhoun's and both coach Pat Summitt and Jerry Green will speak. Also, both 1997-98 basketball teams will be introduced. Robin Roberts, ESPN commentator, will be the featured speaker.

Tickets are $25 per person or $200 for a table seating eight. Each table will also have either a basketball player or coaching staff member dining there as well. Contact the Women's athletic department at (423) 974-0001 to reserve your space today.

VASF Day

Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund Day, a day designed to honor and thank all the supporters of the VASF, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 1, in Thompson-Boling Arena.

It will take place before the Tennessee football game against South Carolina kicks off next door in Neyland Stadium.

More information will be forthcoming. Watch this space in future editions of VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE/Smokey's Tale.

—Steve Sams

The Last Word...

QUO VADIS (OR TENNESSEE TO KICK OFF AND DEFEND THE NORTH GOAL)

MEMORANDUM TO: John Ward, Larry Munson, Jim Hawthorne, Jim Fyffe, Eli Gold, George Mooney, Ralph Hacker, Cawood Ledford, Stan Torgerson, Mike Johnson, David Clary, et al.

TO WIT: Most people who know me know I am a fanatic for directions on the football field and basketball court. When I'm listening to a game on the radio, I have to know which way the teams are going, on what side of the field/court the two teams are standing and other similar salient and important facts about the contest in question.

When I'm seated at the right hand of John Ward in some faraway press box, I always relay (via paper, never out loud), who won the toss and who is defending which goal. It's vitally important. (I even made sure he knew that field at Sanford Stadium in Athens, Ga., ran east and west rather than the traditional north and south.

I guess that all started in 1972 at Dudley Field, now Vanderbilt Stadium, in Nashville. Tennessee and Vanderbilt were squaring off on a windy December day and the big news over the public address system was Auburn defeating Alabama 17-16 in the annual "Iron Bowl." Alabama had been ahead 16-3 before the game turned on two consecutive blocked punts by the War Eagles that were returned for scores and the eventual 17-16 margin. You might be interested in knowing that, at the time of the announcement, Tennessee was leading 16-10 and the kicking game had been an adventure all day.

I remember turning to my friend Bob Sullivan and asking, for no particular reason, "I wonder which way they were going."

The answer, of course, was that David Langner scooped up both blocked punts and score at the North end of Legion Field or, as you look from the press box, right to left. It's the end where the teams come out when the Vols play at Legion Field.

I didn't know that until the next day when I saw the pictures in the paper. It was a comforting moment and gave a better perspective of that famous game.

These are important considerations, especially if you have more than a passing familiarity with a particular stadium.

Tennessee stopped LSU's Billy Cannon at the north end, east side, of Shields-Watkins Field to help preserve a 14-13 win in the 1959 contest.

Directions play a major role in remembering the great moments in sports. I can remember Bobby Gordon taking a punt back in 1957 for the winning score against Mississippi State to the north end, east side, of Shields-Watkins Field.

I can remember Tennessee moving north to south at Legion Field on the pivotal first drive in the 1967 Alabama game and Albert Dorsey taking his third interception in for a score to the north end down the west sideline.

There was a famed stand against LSU when the Vols stopped Billy Cannon on a try for two points in 1959. It took place at the north end right in front of Section A as did the final rally against Georgia in 1968 to garner a 17-17 deadlock just when things looked hopeless. And that's putting it mildly.

Occasionally, the memory banks fail you. George Mooney, I remember your description of the final moments of the 1965 Alabama game when Ken Stabler threw the ball out of bounds thinking it was third down. It was actually fourth down, the Vols escaped with a 7-7 tie and I haven't missed an Alabama contest since.

I always thought the play took place at the northwest corner until I saw the game tape recently. It actually happened at the southeast corner, right in front of the Alabama students.

I can also remember radio announcers taking great pains, as Cawood Ledford always did, to say that "Kentucky is moving right to left on your radio dial here at Memorial Coliseum." Cawood has retired and Memorial Coliseum is nothing but a memory, but the echoes of those broadcasts linger on.

Larry Munson, speaking of Georgia as we did earlier, used other elements of geography to spice up his broadcasts. In the 1969 Georgia game, I can remember hearing Munson describing a run by Vol fullback Curt Watson thusly: "Tennessee is moving toward the bookstore, with that big fullback just plowing up the middle behind that big line."

I can also remember the excitement that built up in the South end when the Vols were driving goalward at the north end near the end of the period and moved to the south to complete the drive in the next period.

I can also remember the sinking feeling that came about when they were moving southward and the horn sounded and they headed to the north end of the field.

The ultimate question of direction was once posed to the legendary Grantland Rice at the Polo Grounds. A rookie sportswriter, perhaps looking for a lead, turned in Rice's general direction, pointed to the setting sun and asked simply: "Is that west?" Rice looked at him closely and carefully responded: "If it ain't, son, you've got a heck of a story."

Don't believe it for a minute if someone tells you directions aren't important in sports. If they aren't, you have a heck of a story.

—Tom Mattingly

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